

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
*** MONSOON 2010 FLOODING ***

WHEREAS, between July 19, 2010 and July 29, 2010 a series of potent monsoon thunderstorms causing high winds and flash floods damaged many locations in southeastern Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the heavy rains resulted in significant flooding which caused extreme peril to public health and safety to the residents of Wards Canyon and the Town of Clifton in Greenlee County; and

WHEREAS, sewer lines and roads that provide critical services and access to Wards Canyon have been compromised; and

WHEREAS, the mouth of Wards Canyon and the San Francisco River has had substantial bank erosion, spilling out onto Wards Canyon Road; and

WHEREAS, the flow of water draining the hills of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico emptied at flood levels into the Nogales Wash in Nogales, Sonora and flowed with great force into Nogales, Arizona, joining with high water flows from additional precipitation in the area; and

WHEREAS, further deterioration to the Nogales Wash puts the International Outfall Interceptor at risk and jeopardy of exposure thereby risking a breach to the line that carries 14 million daily gallons of untreated sewage into Arizona, and

WHEREAS, additional serious damage occurred along the unlined portion of the Wash impacting Old Tucson Highway, a County maintenance yard, and areas surrounding the Wash; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors from both Greenlee and Santa Cruz Counties each declared a State of Emergency for their respective counties as a result of the flooding and the extreme peril to the public health and safety of county residents; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has authorized the expenditure of funds in an event of an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that the monsoon event in the Wards Canyon and Nogales Wash Areas justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Greenlee and Santa Cruz Counties due to flooding, effective July 19, 2010 through July 29, 2010; and
- b. Direct that the sum of \$200,000 from the general fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and
- c. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fourth day of August in the Year Two Thousand Ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-fifth.

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

